



## DEMOGRAPHICS

There are currently 389 practicing dentists in South Dakota, as of January 14<sup>th</sup>, 2008, ranging from the age of 26 to 84 years old. The map below depicts the average age by county in which dentists practice<sup>1</sup>.

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A 3D pie chart illustrating the distribution of the population by settlement type. The chart is divided into three segments: a large yellow segment for Rural (49.6%), a blue segment for Urban (41.1%), and a small white segment for Frontier (9.3%). The Rural segment is the largest, followed by Urban, and then Frontier. The chart is viewed from an angle, giving it a three-dimensional appearance.

Settlement Type	Percentage
Rural	49.6%
Urban	41.1%
Frontier	9.3%

The majority, 87.9 percent, of dentists are male while 12.1 percent are female. The average age of dentists in South Dakota is 50. Over half, 66.3 percent, of dentists are aged 46 and over<sup>1</sup>.



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## PROJECTED WORKER NEED

The South Dakota Department of Labor projects an increase of 18.2 percent in the number of dentists needed between the years 2006 and 2016<sup>2</sup>.

## PERCENT OF VACANCIES AND TURNS

A vacancy is defined as a budgeted position not currently filled, while a turnover is defined as the number of employees who left a facility during the fiscal year. Listed below, are the percent of vacancies and turnovers for full-time dentists by year, which were obtained from the Health Care Professional Workforce surveys<sup>3</sup>. Please note dental offices were not surveyed until 2007.

Year	Percent of Vacancies	Percent of Turns
2003	*	*
2004	*	*
2005	*	*
2006	*	*
2007	3.6	2.2

\*Dentist data was not collected.

## EDUCATION

South Dakota does not have a dental school however, Pre-Dental programs are offered at these schools. Augustana College in Sioux Falls, Black Hills State University in Spearfish, Dakota State University in Madison, Dakota Wesleyan University in Mitchell, Northern State University in Aberdeen, South Dakota School of Mines & Technology in Rapid City, South Dakota State University in Brookings, University of Sioux Falls in Sioux Falls, and University of South Dakota in Vermillion.

## HEALTHCARE INCENTIVE PROGRAMS

The Office of Rural Health administers a variety of programs to assist communities in recruiting health care professionals. Dentists are eligible to participate in the Dentist Tuition Reimbursement Program, National Health Service Corps, and State Loan Repayment Program. For more information on this program, please visit

[doh.sd.gov/ruralhealth/recruit.aspx](http://doh.sd.gov/ruralhealth/recruit.aspx).

## LICENSURE

Dentists are licensed through the South Dakota Board of Dentistry.

## LINKS OF INTEREST

- Health Occupations for Today and Tomorrow (HOTT) [www.sdjobs.org/sdhott](http://www.sdjobs.org/sdhott)
- Occupational Outlook Handbook (OOH) [www.bls.gov/oco](http://www.bls.gov/oco)
- O\*Net Link <http://online.onetcenter.org/link/summary/29-1021.00>
- South Dakota Board of Dentistry [www.sdboardofdentistry.com](http://www.sdboardofdentistry.com)
- South Dakota Dental Association [www.sddental.org](http://www.sddental.org)
- South Dakota Department of Labor [www.sdjobs.org](http://www.sdjobs.org)
- South Dakota Department of Health, Office of Rural Health/Recruitment [doh.sd.gov/ruralhealth/recruit.aspx](http://doh.sd.gov/ruralhealth/recruit.aspx)
- South Dakota Healthcare Workforce Center [doh.sd.gov/ruralhealth/workforce](http://doh.sd.gov/ruralhealth/workforce)
- American Dental Association [www.ada.org](http://www.ada.org)
- U.S. Department of Labor [www.bls.gov](http://www.bls.gov)

## FOOTNOTES

<sup>1</sup> South Dakota Board of Dentistry

<sup>2</sup> Labor Market Information Center, SD Department of Labor, August 2008

<sup>3</sup> South Dakota Department of Health.

Only Dentists practicing in South Dakota included above.

Dentists shown by county in which they practice.

Does not include inactive or not-practicing dentists in South Dakota.

Does not include dentists with missing information.

Vacancy numbers are as of January 31<sup>st</sup> for the respective year.

Percent of Turnover is defined as turnover for the facility's fiscal year divided by current total budgeted positions.

Percent of Vacancies is defined as current total budgeted vacancies divided by current total budgeted positions.

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## DENTISTS

SD County	Count	Average Age	SD County	Count	Average Age
Aurora	-	-	Hyde	-	-
Beadle	7	58.3	Jackson	1	59.0
Bennett	1	47.0	Jerauld	1	79.0
Bon Homme	3	69.0	Jones	-	-
Brookings	12	47.3	Kingsbury	2	74.5
Brown	19	51.6	Lake	5	55.2
Brule	1	60.0	Lawrence	14	43.5
Buffalo	1	36.0	Lincoln	32	43.7
Butte	5	45.4	Lyman	-	-
Campbell	-	-	Marshall	1	52.0
Charles Mix	4	52.5	McCook	1	48.0
Clark	2	43.0	McPherson	1	63.0
Clay	6	45.8	Meade	5	53.0
Codington	23	51.5	Mellette	-	-
Corson	-	-	Miner	2	44.0
Custer	3	58.7	Minnehaha	81	49.7
Davison	12	55.3	Moody	3	52.0
Day	2	60.0	Pennington	79	51.4
Deuel	1	58.0	Perkins	1	74.0
Dewey	-	-	Potter	1	57.0
Douglas	1	55.0	Roberts	2	39.0
Edmunds	-	-	Sanborn	-	-
Fall River	4	48.3	Shannon	2	54.5
Faulk	-	-	Spink	4	58.8
Grant	2	43.0	Stanley	1	29.0
Gregory	1	33.0	Sully	-	-
Haakon	1	51.0	Todd	-	-
Hamlin	-	-	Tripp	2	66.0
Hand	1	51.0	Turner	1	53.0
Hanson	-	-	Union	5	45.8
Harding	-	-	Walworth	3	59.3
Hughes	12	49.1	Yankton	12	41.7
Hutchinson	3	56.0	Ziebach	-	-

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